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MEMORANDUM

TO: Executive Directors
Area Agencies on Aging

FROM: Ellen Nau, Human Services Program Coordinator

DATE: April 3, 2007

SUBJECT: Caregiving

Navigating Changing Currents Assuring Quality End of Life Care the 2007 Annual Conference of the Virginia Association for Hospices will be held on May 3-4, 2007 at the Renaissance Portsmouth Hotel in Portsmouth, Virginia. Two members of the Virginia Caregiver Coalition will be presenting at the conference, Gale Davis of Virginia Commonwealth University and Karen Gill of Crater Community Hospice and Nelsen Funeral Homes. For further information see the Virginia Association for Hospices website at: <http://www.virginiahospices.org>

Older Americans Mental Health Week will be held May 20-26, 2007. Woman's Hard copies of information for Older Americans Mental Health Week are available from Older Women's League. Consult the organization's website at: <http://www.owl-national.org>

OWL wants the American public to realize:

- Mental illness is not a normal part of aging.
- Mental illnesses are real, common and treatable.
- The more people know, the more they can help themselves and others.
- Healthy adults continue to learn, enjoy life and contribute to society.
- Public policy should promote mental health, not discriminate against older adults who have mental health problems.

A **National Respite Conference** *Help is On the Way* will be held October 3-5, 2007 in Huntsville, Alabama. Information on respite coalition building, innovative emergency and planned respite and crisis nursery programs, family caregiving issues and information on the Lifespan Respite Care Act funding and implementation issues will be presented at the conference. For more information, contact Linda Lamberth, Project Manager, Alabama Respite Network at 256-237-3683 or alabamarespite@aol.com.

The **Community Choice Act of 2007** has been introduced in the U.S. Senate by Senator Tom Harkin and co-sponsored by Senator Arlen Specter. Senate Bill 799 would increase access to community-based services and other supports for Americans with disabilities and older Americans. The legislation, if passed, will provide enhanced federal matching funds to help states develop their long-term care infrastructure and grant funds to help states increase their ability to provide home and community-based services. The bill gives individuals who are eligible for nursing home services or other institutional care equal access to community-based services and supports. It will also create a demonstration project to evaluate service coordination and cost sharing approaches for those eligible for both Medicaid and Medicare services.

AARP announces the **Diversity & Aging in the 21st Century Conference** to be held June 19-21 in Los Angeles, California. For further information on the conference please contact the AARP website at www.aarp.org/diversityandaging.

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TO: Executive Directors
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FROM: Tim Catherman
Director of Administrative Services

RE: Personnel Update

I am pleased to announce that the Virginia Department for the Aging has selected Molly Huffstetler as the new No Wrong Door Coordinator and Nancy Lo as the new GrandDriver Coordinator.

Molly Huffstetler will be graduating next month from Virginia Commonwealth University (VCU) with a Masters in Social Work. She recently completed an internship with DMAS. In this role, Ms. Huffstetler served in a policy capacity on the Systems Transformation Grant and the Money Follows the Person Grant writing team. She has also served on the "Own Your Future" long-term care awareness campaign implementation taskforce. Ms. Huffstetler received her Bachelors Degree from the Meredith College in North Carolina.

Nancy Lo will be graduating next month from VCU with a Masters in Social Work and a Certificate in Gerontology. She recently completed an internship with VDA. Previously, she was a Training Assistant with the Henrico Area Mental Health Retardation Services – Gayton Group Home. Ms. Lo received her Bachelors Degree from VCU.

In other related news, Liz Riggs will continue to assist the Department in meeting the ADRC Grant reporting requirements as well as assisting with the No Wrong Door Conference Calls.

It is with mixed emotions that we announce the retirement of Warren McKeon on June 30, 2007. Warren joined the Department in 2000 and has been instrumental in

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coordinating the activities of the finance section. We will be seeking a replacement ASAP.

Please join me in welcoming Molly Huffstetler and Nancy Lo to the Department.

If you have any questions, please call me.

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Executive Directors
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FROM: Janet James, Esq., State Legal Services Developer

DATE: April 3, 2007

SUBJECT: Training for AAAs on May 10-11, Richmond

Please find attached an announcement and the agenda for the first training for AAA representatives under the auspices of **Project 2025: Enhanced Access to Legal Assistance for Older Americans in Virginia**. The training will be in Richmond, Virginia on May 10-11, 2007. We look forward to your participation.

April 3, 2007

Dear Directors or Legal Point Persons of All Area Agencies on Aging (AAAs):

We are pleased to announce our first AAA Directors' Training under the auspices of **Project 2025: Enhanced Access to Legal Assistance for Older Americans in Virginia**. This training opportunity is designed and intended for one representative from each Area Agency on Aging, specifically, either the director of the agency or the point person responsible for legal services. We are setting forth below the particulars for the training. In addition, a tentative agenda is attached.

Purpose: To involve the Area Agencies on Aging in statewide legal services planning and collaboration and foster the development of statewide standards.

Date: May 10 – 11, 2007

Place: Virginia Department for the Aging
1610 Forest Ave., Suite 100
Richmond, Virginia 23229

Time: May 10, 2007 - 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
May 11, 2007 - 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Hotel Accommodations: The Crowne Plaza Richmond West
6531 W. Broad Street, Richmond, Virginia 23230

The Department for the Aging will cover expenses for one night and for meals. Persons traveling greater than 3 hours one way may request coverage for a second night. A block of rooms will be on reserve at the Crowne Plaza until **Tuesday, April 17, 2007**. **Please make your reservations before April 17 by contacting the Crowne Plaza Richmond West directly at (804) 285-9951, leaving your name and agency.**

If you have questions about this upcoming training, please contact either Janet James, Esq. (804) 662-7049 or Brenda Briggs, Esq. (804) 662-7050 at the Virginia Department for the Aging. Also please confirm your plans to attend by emailing Brenda.briggs@vda.virginia.gov by **May 1, 2007**.

Attachments: Agenda



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AREA AGENCIES ON AGING

SPONSORED BY THE VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT FOR THE AGING

PROJECT 2025: ENHANCED ACCESS TO LEGAL ASSISTANCE FOR OLDER AMERICANS IN VIRGINIA

May 10th-11th, 2007

AGENDA – DAY 1 (*DRAFT*)

10:00 A.M. Welcome and Introductions

Welcome & Remarks - Kathy Miller, Long Term Care Director - VDA

10:30 A.M. Road Map for Training (Agenda Review for Day 1 and Day 2)

10:35 A.M. Project 2025 and the Older Americans Act

- Brief Overview of Project 2025 (Detail Provided on Day 2)
- What Is the Older Americans Act (OAA)?
- Why is OAA Important?
- How Does the Administration on Aging (AoA) Fit In?
- What Is Title III B? What Does Title III B Include?
- What Is Title VII? What Does Title VII Include?
- Dialogue/What Types of Legal Problems In Your Area?
- How Does Your Current Program Function?

12:00 P.M. Lunch Provided

1:00 P.M. The Definition of Legal Assistance as Authorized by the OAA

- Mandatory versus Permissive/Discretionary Terms
- Target Populations
- Social and Economic Need
- "Means Testing" Prohibition
- State Plan
- Area Plans
- Discussion

3:00 P.M. Break (Refreshments Provided)

3:15 P.M. Provision of OAA Legal Assistance in Virginia

- The Role Of the State Legal Services Developer
- The Role of the AAAs
- The Role of LSC-funded Legal Aid Programs
- Questions and Answers

5:00 P.M. End

AGENDA – DAY 2 (*DRAFT*)

9:00 A.M. Welcome and Introductions From Legal Aid Representatives

Welcome & Remarks – Julie Christopher, Commissioner – VDA
(if available)

9:30 A.M. Road Map for Training (Day 2)

10:00 A.M. Review, Questions, Dialogue

- What We Learned From Yesterday
- Project 2025
- How Do We Work Better Together

10:30 A.M. VDA's Legal Assistance Service Standard

- Current Model and The Virginia Service Quick Form
- Input/Dialogue Regarding Improvement Needed
- Changes Identified By VDA to Conform to OAA & Confidentiality Requirements

12:00 P.M. Lunch Provided

1:00 P.M. AAAs and Legal Aid Programs in Virginia

- Presentations From the Legal Aid Community
- Presentations From the AAAs

2:00 P.M. Where Do We Go From Here?

- Project 2025 Grant Requirements
- Ways We Can Work Better Together
- True Collaboration Between AAAs and Legal Aid Programs
- Upcoming Events

3:00 P.M. Closing Remarks

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FROM: Ellen Nau, Human Services Program Coordinator

DATE: April 3, 2007

SUBJECT: Kinship Care

April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month

From Prevent Child Abuse America:

Publications to help you ****increase awareness throughout your community**** throughout the month of April!

"You Can Help Prevent Child Abuse" (EM705663) B in English and (EM706203)B in Spanish

"Preventing Child Sexual Abuse: What Communities Can Do" (EM706252)A

"Reporting Child Abuse: A Guide For Professionals Working With Children & Families" (EM705941)B

Consult the organization's online catalog for ordering information: <http://store.channing-bete.com/onlinestore/search.html?vid=20050104006&da=B004K>

From the Brookdale Foundation

Relatives Raising Children: A Guide to Finding Help and Hope by Marianne Takas (\$6.00) and free monographs on the organization's National Relatives as Parents Program (RAPP).

Consult the Brookdale Foundation's website at: www.brookdalefoundation.org

The Virginia Department for the Aging has served as the state agency for the Brookdale Foundation's RAPP program since 2000. The agency will be represented at the biannual conference for state coordinators in Denver, Colorado on June 1-3, 2007. Although seed funding

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for the RAPP program is exhausted, VDA still receives technical assistance and funding for conference attendance from the Brookdale Foundation.

The **VDA Kinship Care Initiative Statewide Coalition and Information Network** will meet on Wednesday June 13, 2007 at 10:00 A.M. in the VDA Conference Room to share information and ideas from the Denver conference.

Virginia Commission on Youth

The Virginia Commission on Youth will meet on April 3, 2007 at 1:00 P.M. in Senate Room A of the General Assembly Building. The meeting is open to the public.

Highlights of the Agenda

- 2007 Activities in State Government related to Youth and Families

- Update on 2007 System of Care/Evidence-based Treatment Modalities

- Conference Planning Activities

- Presentation of 2007 Study Plans:

- Children Services Ombudsman Study;

- Alternative Education Study;

- The Collection of Evidence-based Treatment Modalities Biennial

- Update; and

- Conference Plan for the System of Care/Evidence-base Treatments

- Conference.

If you have any questions, please contact the Commission's office at (804) 371-2481.

The Virginia Commission on Youth is a standing bipartisan legislative commission of the General Assembly, which provides a legislative forum in which complex issues related to Virginia youth and their families can be explored and resolved. It is comprised of twelve members: six Delegates, three Senators and three citizens appointed by the Governor.

From The Children's Defense Fund

New child welfare and mental health reports have been released by the Children's Defense Fund. The reports include:

- Updated state child welfare fact sheets that highlight the financing structure of the child welfare system as well as the number of children abused and neglected, in foster care or exiting the foster care system.
- A set of reports that highlight the child welfare workforce challenges and offers federal policy recommendation to support workforce improvements
- An extensive list of questions and answers for agencies interested in applying for the new grants for substance abuse prevention under the Child and Family Service Improvement Act of 2006.

Contact the organization's website at: <http://www.childrensdefense.org>

From the **Center for Law and Social Policy**

Is Kinship Care Good for Kids? is a fact sheet from the Center for Law and Social Policy. It cites various sources on the value of having children raised by grandparents and other relatives. Contact the Center for Law and Social Policy website at: <http://www.clasp.org>

From **Arizona**:

Please consult the attached brochure published by the Arizona Office of Economic Security on Grandparent Kinship Care Support. Contact me at ellen.nau@vda.virginia.gov if you would like to have the slide presentation on the Arizona Grandparents Day Rally.

From the **Commonwealth of Virginia Child Day-Care Council**

Alert: Is your agency operating a child day-care facility! Be careful of little fingers being caught in doors. A parent brought up a case where her child lost a finger tip. Guards can be placed between the door and the frame.

The **Early Childhood Summit** will be held in Charlottesville at the Albemarle County Government Building on May 11 and 12, 2007. The next meeting of the Commonwealth of Virginia Child Day-Care Council will be May 10, 2007 in Richmond, Virginia.

The **First Annual Conference of Americans for Generational Equity** will be held May 1 and 2, 2007 in Washington, D.C. For further information on its sponsoring organization and the conference please consult <http://www.age-usa.org>. The conference will try to identify policy reforms to address the demographic, financial, retirement and health trends that threaten income growth of future workers and dependent populations yet protect the interests of the elderly and baby boomer generation.

What is Grandparent Kinship Care?

Kinship care is the provision of full-time nurturing and protection of children by adults other than parents who have a family relationship bond with the children. Most of the time, this nurturing and protection is provided by grandparents when original families are torn apart by substance abuse, incarceration, death, mental and physical illness, AIDS, and child abuse and neglect.



What is Grandparent Kinship Care Support in Arizona?

If you are a grandparent responsible for raising your grandchild or grandchildren in your home, the following transitional supports may be available to you:

- ✓ One-time transitional assistance not to exceed \$300 per child to help cover the cost of additional beds and furniture and other necessary expenses related to transitioning the child into your home.
- ✓ Clothing and personal allowance of \$75 per month per child (examples: toiletries, food, school supplies).

Are the services based on my income?

Although income is not a disqualifying factor, priority will be given to grandparents with legal guardianship who are caring for their grandchild or grandchildren and have the greatest social and economic need and/or those residing in rural or geographically isolated areas.



How can I receive services?

Grandparent Kinship Care Support is available in Arizona through your local Area Agency on Aging. There are also many other social services agencies, including children's services agencies that can refer you and help you gain access to these services. Please see the resource information on the back of this brochure.

What if my grandchildren live with me, but I am not their legal guardian?

If you do not currently have legal guardianship, help is available for you by contacting your local Area Agency on Aging or one of the other agencies listed on the back panel of this pamphlet.

Area Agency on Aging	Counties Served	Phone
Area Agency on Aging, Region One, Inc.	Maricopa	602-264-4357
Pima Council on Aging	Pima	520-790-7262
Northern Arizona Council of Governments	Apache Coconino Navajo Yavapai	877-521-3500
Western Arizona Council of Governments	La Paz Mohave Yuma	800-782-1886
Pinal/Gila Council for Senior Citizens	Pinal Gila	520-836-2758
SEAGO / Child & Family Resources, Inc.	Cochise Graham Greenlee Santa Cruz	520-458-7348
Navajo Nation	Navajo Tribal	928-871-6868
Inter-Tribal Council of Arizona	Statewide	602-258-4822

Referral Agencies and Grandparent Resources	Phone
KARE Family Center in Tucson	520-323-4476
KARE Family Center in Phoenix	602-233-0017
KARE Family Center in Yuma	928-726-4335
Project GrandCare Beatitudes Center DOAR	602-274-5022 Ext. 44
KKONA – Kinship Kare of Northern Arizona	928-774-1868 Ext. 15
Grandparents United	602-273-0004
Southern Arizona Legal Aid	520-623-9465
Catholic Social Services of Central & Northern Arizona	928-774-9125



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